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TO: IAC Members and Designees

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SUBJECT: Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program
Funding for Fiscal Year 2006
Notebook Item #7

Summary

The Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR) Program provides funds for projects that support firearm and archery recreation. This includes facilities for handgun, muzzleloader, rifle, shotgun and archery activities. On September 27, 2005 the FARR Advisory Committee evaluated four FARR project proposals. The results of that evaluation process are described in this memorandum. Staff is requesting Board review and approval of funding for all projects.

Policies

The FARR grant program is guided by policies outlined in IAC Manual #11, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program: Policies and Project Selection*. Specific program policies to keep in mind are:

- Acquisition, development, and renovation projects are eligible for funding.
- Applicants may include state and local agencies and qualified nonprofit shooting organizations.
- Applicants may submit multiple applications each grant cycle.
- Grant requests are limited to \$50,000 per project.
- Applicant matching shares vary depending on project elements. For instance:
 - IAC may contribute up to 67 percent of the cost of project elements at an existing facility that protects surrounding properties from noise or projectile



hazards originating on the range facility. The applicant match for these elements is 33 percent.

- IAC may contribute up to 50 percent of the costs of all other projects.
- Liability insurance is the only operational expense eligible for funding.
- Facilities acquired or developed with fund assistance must be open to the general public, with special emphasis on access for the following:
 - Hunter and safety education classes
 - Law enforcement personnel, and
 - Members of the public with concealed weapons permits.
- Funded facilities must be kept open and available for public use for a minimum of 10 years after project completion.

Project Review

This year there were four applications submitted for fund consideration. These requests were for safety improvements, development of new recreation and support facilities, and enhancement of existing facilities. After the traditional desk review of the applications by IAC staff, the FARR Advisory Committee conducted its first assessment of these proposals at a project review meeting held July 19, 2005 in Olympia. Applicants were given an opportunity to make modifications to their projects, before applications were finalized.

Evaluation

Members of the FARR Advisory Committee evaluate FARR projects. This committee, per statute, is comprised of representatives from various shooting disciplines and interests groups. This year, the evaluation team included:

Name	City	Discipline/Interest
Frank Abersfeller	Kent	Shotgun
Jerry Bentler	Ravensdale	General Public
Eric Biebesheimer	Malott	Hunter Education
Robert Jaeger	Seattle	General Public
Paul La Rue	Kent	Archery
Patricia Sprague-Binder	Port Angeles	Black Powder
Jim Sell	Battle Ground	Pistol

The team utilized IAC adopted evaluation criteria. The criteria is designed to measure the technical merits of a project and determine how well a project meets state identified needs as well as project applicant needs. A summary of the criteria is attached.

Post Evaluation

Following the evaluation meeting, several evaluators reconvened on October 10, to review the evaluation results, the process, and criteria. Evaluators felt the results were consistent with how they anticipated projects would rank. In general, they were satisfied with the project proposals and the process. During project review, they used their knowledge and expertise to advise clients on significant safety elements and were pleased to see the modifications made to address concerns. There were no recommendations for changes to the evaluation criteria.

The evaluation team did, however, spend time discussing their disappointment with the number of applications submitted this year. The discussion included attempts to address these questions:

- Are grant announcements being sent to the right organizations?
- Are private shooting clubs concerned about signing away too many rights?
- Are there better ways to communicate with the clubs about the availability of FARR grant funds?
- Do organizations know who IAC is and what it has to offer?
- Is the application process too complex?
- Is the requirement for public access a deterrent?
- Is there enough commitment on the part of volunteers to pursue these grants?
- Should we allow alternate presentation options?
- What can we do to encourage clubs to develop business plans, set priorities for capital improvements, and pursue grants to implement those plans?

While there was no consensus on why there were so few project applications, committee members made suggestions about IAC's outreach activities and volunteered to help share information with clubs and parent organizations before the next grant round.

Funds Available

For the 2005-2007 biennium, the Legislature appropriated \$225,300 for FARR grants. This amount was based on anticipated revenue from concealed weapons permits. Project requests for FARR Program funding total \$200,000. As you can see, the funds available exceed funds requested.

Recommendation

Table 1, *FARR Program Ranked List of Projects (2005-35)*, shows staff's funding recommendation for FY 2006 FARR projects. Specifically, staff recommends full funding approval for all projects. Staff bases its funding recommendation on the following elements:

- Projects have met all legal and procedural requirements for funding consideration by the IAC,

- The ranking of the projects as determined by the evaluation process,
- Source of funding and fund source requirements, and
- The attempt to fund, at full request, as many projects as possible.

Staff's funding recommendation is outlined in Resolution 2005-35, which is provided for Board consideration.

Supplemental Information

Enclosed with this memo for Interagency Committee review are the following items:

- Resolution #2005-35, *FARR Program Projects – Fiscal Year 2006*
- Table 1, *FARR Program Ranked List of Projects FY2006 (2005-35)*
- FARR Location Map
- FARR Evaluation Criteria Analysis
- FARR Evaluation Scoring Summary
- FARR Program - Post Evaluation Synopses

RESOLUTION #2005-35

**Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program Projects
State Fiscal Year 2006**

WHEREAS, four Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program projects are submitted for IAC fiscal year 2006 funding consideration, and

WHEREAS, all four projects have been evaluated against an evaluation instrument approved by the Board, and

WHEREAS, these evaluations occurred in open public meetings, and

WHEREAS, all projects meet program requirements as stipulated in statute, administrative rule and policy,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that IAC hereby approves the ranked list of projects depicted in Table 1, *Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program FY2006 (2003-35)*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that IAC hereby approves FY2006 project funding for Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program projects as depicted in this Table, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director be authorized to execute any and all project agreements necessary to facilitate prompt project implementation.

Resolution moved by: _____

Resolution seconded by: _____

Adopted/Defeated/Deferred (circle one)

Date: November 15, 2005



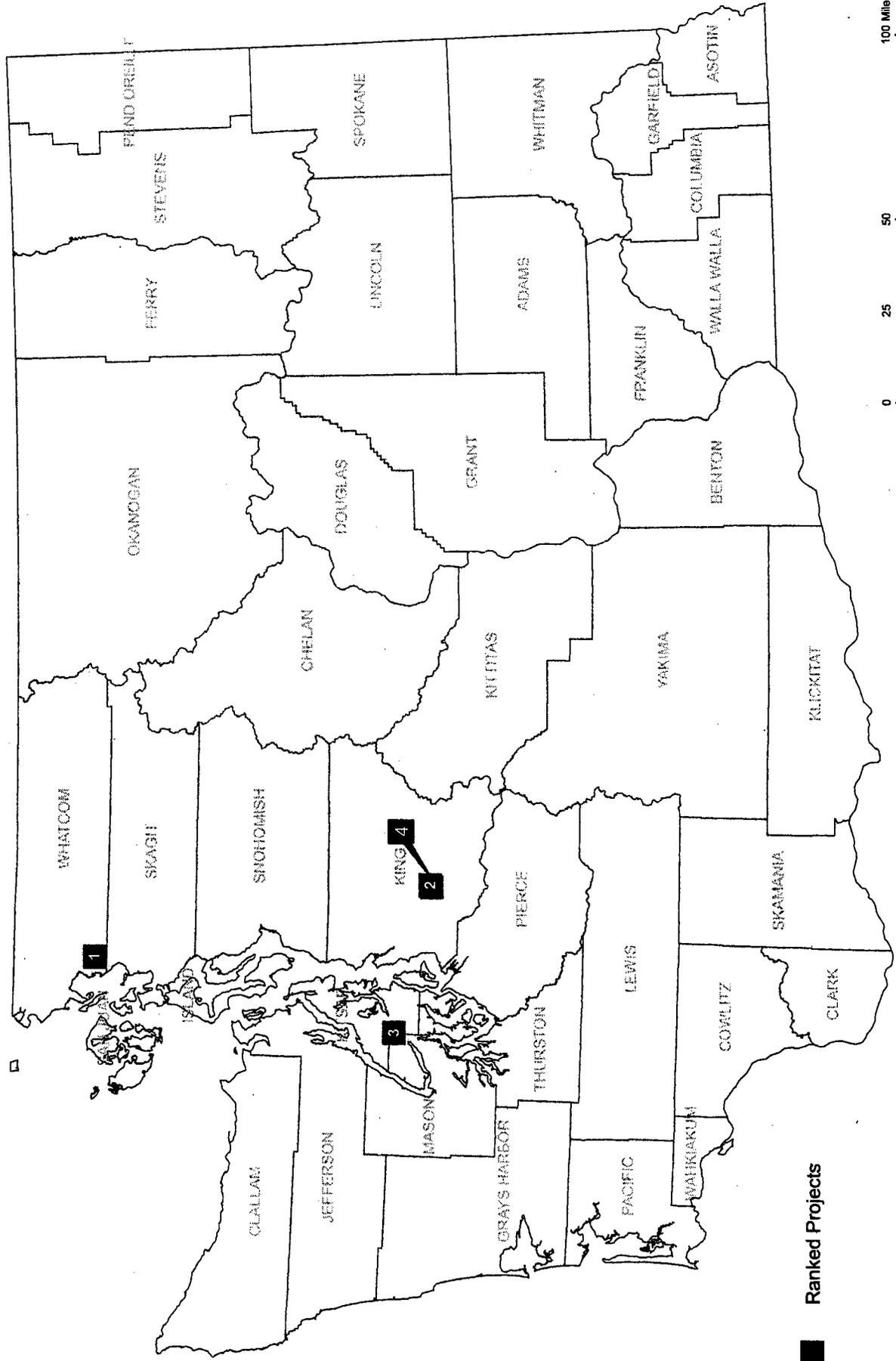
Resolution: 2005-35

Table 1
Firearms & Archery Range Recreation Program
State Fiscal Year 2006

Rank	Score	IAC Number	Project Name	Project Sponsor	IAC Amount	Sponsor Amount	Total Amount	Staff Recommends	Cumulative Amount
1 of 4	59.857	05-1252D	Plantation Range Target Carrier Up-Grade	Whatcom County of	50,000	50,000	100,000	50,000	50,000
2 of 4	58.714	05-1294D	Safety Fence and Facilities Enhancement	Cascade Rifle & Pistol Club	50,000	62,400	112,400	50,000	100,000
3 of 4	56.857	05-1049D	KBH Archers Site Improvements	KBH Archers	50,000	52,762	102,762	50,000	150,000
4 of 4	52.857	05-1012D	Range Administration Bldg Development	Seattle Skeet and Trap Club	50,000	92,750	142,750	50,000	200,000
					200,000	257,912	457,912		

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Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program SFY 2006 Ranked Projects



November 2005

Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Evaluation Criteria

The FARR Program is a state grant program administered by the IAC to assist with preservation and development of firearm and archery range recreation facilities.

FARR Program Criteria Analysis				
Scoring	Number	Item	Mult/Mx	A/D
Team	1	Need	3/15	A/D
Team	2	Immediacy of threat	2/10	A
Team	3	Project design	2/10	D
Team	4	Impact on surrounding property*	1/5	A/D
Team	5	Expansion/renovation	1/5	A/D
Team	6	Health & safety	3/15	A/D
Team	7	Budget development	1/5	A/D
Team	8	Mandated uses	2/10	A/D
Team	9	Public access	3/15	A/D
Team	10	Need satisfaction	2/10	A/D
IAC Staff	11	Applicant match	-/5	A/D
IAC Staff	12	GMA preference	-/0	A/D
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE – Existing sites			95	A or D
New sites			90	A or D

KEY TO PRECEEDING TABLE:

- Team = Criterion scored by the evaluation team
- IAC Staff = Criterion scored by IAC staff
- Number = Item number
- Item = Criteria titles
- Mult/Mx = *Multiplier* and *maximum* points possible for this criterion
- A/D = Criterion applicable to either an Acquisition or Development/Renovation project

* Applies only to qualified existing sites and projects certified as qualifying for a higher funding level. See question 4.



**Evaluation Summary
Firearms & Archery Range Recreation Program
State Fiscal Year 2006**

Rank Name/Sponsor	1 Need	2 Threat	3 Project Design	4 Impact on Surrounding Property	5 Expansion / Renovation	6 Health and Safety	7 Budget Develop.	8 Mandated Uses	9 Public Access	10 Need Satisfact.	11 Applicant Match	12 GMA Pref.	Total
1 Plantation Rang/Whatcom	9.429		7.143		3.571	7.286	4.143	9.143	12.429	7.714	0.000	-1.000	59.857
2 Safety Fence an/Cascade	10.286		6.000	2.571	3.429	9.000	3.429	6.571	8.571	6.857	2.000	0.000	58.714
3 KBH Archers SI/KBH Arch	9.429		5.714		3.429	9.857	3.143	8.000	9.429	6.857	1.000	0.000	56.857
4 Range Administrr/Seattle	10.286		6.000	0.714	3.286	5.571	3.571	3.143	10.714	6.571	3.000	0.000	52.857

Evaluation Team Scored Questions: 1-10

Staff Scored Questions: 11-12

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Firearms and Archery Range Recreation Program

State Fiscal Year 2006

Project Synopses



Firearms and Archery Range Recreation (FARR)

State Fiscal Year 2006 Projects
(In Evaluation Ranked Order)

Whatcom County of	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Plantation Range Target Carrier Up-Grade			

This project in Whatcom County replaces the majority of the indoor range target carrier system with a current model of the existing system that is capable of meeting the training needs of the 26 law enforcement agencies that use the facility, as well as the changing needs of the general shooting public. The up-graded system is a superior design capable of providing a wider range of training opportunities, with increased reliability and decreased maintenance. The carrier system that will be replaced has been in operation for thirteen years. The change will require modification to the control room. Replacing the lighting on the indoor range with T-8 fluorescent units which will be more cost effective to operate and provide better target lighting. (05-1252D-FY06)

Cascade Rifle & Pistol Club	\$50,000	\$62,400	\$112,400
Safety Fence and Facilities Enhancement			

This project in King County will improve site safety and security at the Cascade Rifle and Pistol Club facility by constructing a four strand barbed wire safety barrier fence four feet tall, 3,500 feet long with proper informational signage every 50 feet. This will be a second level barrier to prevent persons from inadvertently entering the range. The project will also place crushed rock across the incoming roadways and parking areas to prevent slipping in the mud that currently forms in the rain.

It will also allow for installation of very basic secondary commercial power installation at the two restrooms, six firing line sheds, range house and two gate houses. The commercial power will be used for hot water in the restrooms (County Plumbing Code) and eventually installation of firing line safety warning systems. (05-1294D-FY06)

KBH Archers	\$50,000	\$52,762	\$102,762
KBH Archers Site Improvements			

The KBH Archers Club lies on 34 acres between Belfair and Gorst in Kitsap County. It has a two-mile roving outdoor range with 28 targets, a practice range with targets out to 80 yards, and an indoor range with 18 shooting lanes. The indoor range includes a meeting room, kitchen and restrooms. The Club can accommodate 35 RVs at their campground and has a large, fenced outdoor playground for kids. There are 150 club members and it is open to the public. The club has an on-site range master and hosts several Washington State Archery Association events each year.

This project will install an electric gate to replace the old, heavy gate that has become too hard for all but our strongest members to open. The new gate will have a lighted, numeric keypad entry system. The project will also fund the first phase of improvements to the outdoor range trail and road. The existing boardwalk that goes through seasonally muddy areas is deteriorating and must be replaced. This project will replace 250' of the 1,000' boardwalk. The maintenance road will be resurfaced with crushed rock in order to to meet ADA standards . We expect three more phases to completely replace the boardwalk. The project also includes concrete walkway, concrete parking area and restroom improvements to meet ADA standards. (05-1049D-FY06)

Seattle Skeet and Trap Club	\$50,000	\$92,750	\$142,750
Range Administration Bldg Development			

This project in King County continues development of the shotgun range by building a new Clubhouse/Range facility. The existing Clubhouse is a 1978 mobile home that has been remodeled to suit the need of a temporary Clubhouse and range master facility.

This project is needed because when the Club is open, the high volume of participants causes very crowded conditions in the Clubhouse. The main room is so small that meetings and or classes cannot be held there for any groups larger than 5 or 6 people. In addition, the range master station is small and provides limited view of the ranges. There is no space for an office so the Range Master station doubles for that purpose making it extremely crowded. We have modified the bathroom and back door so they are handicapped accessible but these meet the minimum needs. The trailer has little to no insulation and single pane windows and thus is expensive to heat in the winter and gets very warm in the summer. (05-1012D-FY06)